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IN a firm determination and trust in the Almighty to rise from and outlive an attack of illness which medical skill had to a considerable extent relieved but failed to get fully under, after some months of close, inward study I began to discover that the disordered condition I had fixed my mind upon overcoming was caused by spirit-action upon my system, and afterwards that that action was wholly and entirely in violation of the Law of the Creator, effected by devices (that for villainous intent and force of deception there is no parallel) of corrupt spirits, people that walked long upon their feet in other worlds and by accident and not of their own knowledge nor of any command of the Creator lit upon this world at a time that people were not so numerous in it as they are now.

After I learned to submit my hand to be guided in writing, by systematized interrogatories and months of perseverance I became sensible of the presence of an Ordained Spirit in the service of the Creator within me, and was made gradually aware of a long-continued out-of-order state of things in the world, and of need to pursue with care and submit to the people of the world the result of my inquiry. For that condition, lamentable in every sense, has been effected by the workings and deceptions of corrupt spirits foreign to it; barriered from being lifted from it by chemical formations in the atmosphere that their devices within it have caused; and the breaking up of them, and *their* removal from the world, a thing of easy accomplishment when their presence becomes known, is required by the Creator as soon as people are prepared by a knowledge of them to aid in removing them from themselves. And towards that end the Holy Spirit, who is

vigilant in care, and long interrupted in the duties for which He was ordained and sent to the world, has instructed by the Ordained Spirit within, that writing has been made by the Creator a sure and clear means for people to acquire undoubting knowledge of the presence of life, of intelligence distinct from their own within their bodies, so that they may see without cavil or question into the need to themselves that is to make the efforts that are possible consistent with the efforts that are imperative on them of providing for the time the necessities of their being, to check towards putting a final end to the dangerous mockery and destructive workings, that, unsuspected by them, are going on in spirit within and around them. And care exercised at first will render ease to after-work; for the instructions for writing under spirit-guidance being long in the world without any clear knowledge of it having been got to people's minds, the corrupt or fallen spirits got to a knowledge of it, as endeavors were being made to draw inquiring attention to it, and whenever attention became attracted the persons submitting themselves to it were flooded in upon by the corrupt spirits, and the working-power of their minds so acted upon that frivolity or fanaticism almost invariably resulted from it. Hence, before beginning any inquiry, care should be had to order in words, verbal or in writing, in any positive form harmonizing with trust in the power of the Creator, the Author and Sustainer of life, every interruption to the plain working of the system to cease and be no more attempted, and the corrupt spirits, the fallen of other worlds, to go from within and from around the person; and they are herewith forbid to enter any other person or substance, and a power of the Creator is in the world that will enforce their obedience.

There are then other forms of spirit non-intelligent, but docile, in the world and within its people that in the out-of-order condition of the world have long been guided by the corrupt spirits in it; they are very numerous, and taught and guided by the corrupt spirits have had a very blinding and injurious bearing upon people. The brute of every kind in spirit in one general expression should be ordered from

within and from around the person. Of itself its tendencies are obedience to the Creator. But through deception upon it, for in spirit it is quick to obey;* it has been obeying the corrupt spirits, looking to them as of the Creator's Power. But severed from people and other moving substances it will be directed and lifted by a Power of the Creator from the world to where of His Order it belongs.

Lest, however, that disobedience should for a while occur and attempts at deception be persevered in, for the corrupt spirits, long adepts in crime, have in the past when discovery was near them resorted to many devices, questions should be consistent and short, and answers of guidance accepted with cautious care, examining closely the import of every word that appears at the point of the pen. For being within the body, side by side with the nerves of the system and working power of the mind, they form expressions within the structure of the mind that draw the person's own thoughts in less or more force to work along with them. It might, therefore, be difficult at first to discern the right from the wrong, or the truth from falsehood; for the action upon the hand which should be felt corresponding with expressions rising in the mind would in interruption sometimes be found differing widely. The bearing, therefore, to the formation of words upon the hand, while it clearly tells of the existence of intelligent life within the person and around the body which is of entirely separate existence, should be carefully examined and the truth of the writing by it put under interrogatory test. For the corrupt spirits, the cause of every illness and irregularity that are in the world, being numerous to the extent that one or more of them, with deluded aid, are within every person of corporeal substance in it, and, by causing falsehood to be blindly seen, would draw, in an unseen into-way, the working power of the mind from the aiding power within the person, and cause people, unconsciously to themselves, to aid in developing thoughts that might retard for a while the rectifying work going on within them.

But as a sense of the reality spreads, a power will be awakened within people and within the world that will aid

the Ordained Spirit that is within people, and the Ordained Spirit that is not within people, but that is governed by the Holy Spirit and the Fixed Power of the Creator in the world, to break the bindings that are within the people, and to break up the drawing together of leavenous particles in the atmosphere of the world. For the people of the past of the world are yet within it, sensible to everything that is occurring. But in the most part blindly ignorant of any disorder in spirit outside of a believed half-countenanced caprice or harmless refractoriness among a portion of them in the spirit, or of anything being wrong aside from the ordinance of the Creator except people's waywardness at all in the world. And they are long warned by the Creator for aid to the Holy Spirit in the world as soon as a sense of the error they are in begins to dawn upon them. And the entire artifices and workings of nearly four thousand nine hundred years in corruption of spirit, with intent to subvert the Law of the Creator, are not more than with their aid, before the world begins to move from its present sphere, can be readily put final end to, and the time is nearing fast when it will begin to move to the light of another sun; and with their aid the people walking on their feet and they themselves will the more readily understand what is being now conveyed to them. But in no sense is aid of the Spirit to be asked for by people; the Spirit is part of the Power of the Creator, and whatever aid is given by the Spirit is of the Creator, and trust in Him, in close scrutiny, will bring the power of the mind into close harmony with the Spirit. And as soon as the hold the corrupt spirits have so long held by in the world is broken, they will be lifted by a Power of the Creator from the world that is long placed over it for the purpose.

To begin to inquire, however, by the Spirit will require some study of the subject, and a time should be selected that full attention can be given; and, sitting or standing in an easy position for writing, the question should be drawn smoothly out as if the person were but learning to write, and every tendency to fluttering of the hand should be carefully avoided. The pen should then be placed upon a fresh line, or (and it is only

that superstition should not be allowed to creep in to interrupt) upon the same line if much space is left, and after a moment or two's examination into the mind a selection from expressions, if more than one is rising to the surface, should be made, and tracing upon it begun with the pen. And while the pen is being expectantly drawn upon the paper the movement of the fingers towards the points should be carefully studied and the slightest feeling towards aid, in separate motion, noticed and the aid of the hand given with it to form the letters, and by that means separate motion, which requires attention and aid, will in the course of a few moments be very perceptibly felt. And after a little practice information will be felt as quick at the hand as a person can with the united action write. It will then be necessary to scrutinize very closely what is produced by the hand, for the Ordained Spirit has to keep within limits of instruction by the Holy Spirit that it would be worse than waste of time to question or inquire into, the action of malignancy in spirit being difficult to discern from the action of truth upon the hand. And the corrupt spirits expecting, when discovery of them would be made, if it should occur while the world is in its present sphere, to overbalance even the discoverer and cause desire for aside or curiosity questionings to people's minds, built their hopes upon pleasing views being seen by, in the extreme outweighing on the hand, the force of the Ordained Spirit; or confusing it to the extent of causing doubt in people's minds, and the people of the past of the world to take a doubtful view of all and hold aloof in fear, and that after some change in religious forms the interruption to the Law of the Creator would go on as before until possibly the end of the term of the world in its present sphere. Every loop-hole should therefore be closed against them; and the aid to the Ordained Spirit should be controlling and positive until it is felt that the corrupt spirits are so far removed that neither aping nor guiling of any kind can be attempted by them. Questions should be repeated over and over or put in different forms and the answers scrutinized, and if at all widening from the subject checked by stopping and renewing the

question, and so on. And it cannot be too forcibly understood that formality, other than writing the plain question in about the way a person would if conversing face to face with a respected dumb person by means of writing, would not be in accord with any instructions of the Holy Spirit. And that every question asked, in whatever form of bearing upon the subject, is asked directly of the Ordained Spirit, now beset with hinderances to aiding action within the structure of the inquirer's own body. And with firmness and care and trust in the Power of the Creator, a change for the better in health of body and other things will soon be perceptible throughout the world.

And as every irregularity that is in the world is caused by devices that are acted upon by dupes of the corrupt spirits, the people that are now deaf and dumb will hear and speak, and order and health will be restored in the world. And the disorder that is known of in this world as the infirmity of age, being part and parcel of the interruption to the Fixed Law of the Creator in the world, and secondarily caused by matter drawn into the system, little by little, from birth, will also cease. And people's own hands that are now yielding themselves to it, aided by medical and chemical skill and the Power of the Creator that is within them, will remove it from their bodies and every hinderance to their well-being along with it.

But, in case of perception by the brute spirit of the Power they have been aiding to interrupt and their obedient outflow from the people, the work of re-establishing Order in the world will be of short duration. And in view of Order and modest bearing, and that sensation be not allowed to rise in the mind in reference to the people of the past of the world who among kindred are aware of every thought even that occurs to their minds, inquiry farther than to acquire confirmation of the fact until order is better than at present seen into will be better avoided. For, as the faces of people in the spirit are not of substance that is visible to the eye of the corporeal person of any that is in this world, no agreeable result would be accomplished by it. And a matter of such

vast importance to every person in the world should not be retarded by deceptions that might be attempted were false feelings allowed to weigh upon the mind. But it should, in the disordered condition the world is in, be a source of thankfulness to the Creator, and an impetus for energy to every person to know where they are that in support of the Power of the Creator can now render such aid, and are so widely believed in the world to be far from it, and until now more in error in the spirit than they ever were in their corporeal substance. And a blinding part of that error is their believing themselves to be in an ordained state of simplicity, the souls of the bodies they were born with. That is an error that was fallen into after an estrangement of mind and bloodshed brought on by the workings of the corrupt spirits after their lighting upon this world when people were not so numerous in it as they now are; in which over one-fourth of what people were in the world fell victims and the Law of the Creator ceased to be taught. That Law, the only one that exists in other worlds and is barely lost sight of for awhile in this world, shows that in support of it and of them, in manhood and in womanhood, from the beginning of existence His Power, invisible and imperceptible, except in results, is continually present with them. And that when called upon for service in the spirit, a thing that every person born must render for awhile, a soul which is created with them and part of them is by His Power and Fixed Law for governing life separated from them and lifted to where His Eye can at convenience see. And that part which consists of unconscious life is the evidence from which His Judgment is formed of the owner. And His Law for governing life is such that the full standing of a world's people, without a possibility of any being overlooked, can be seen into by Him at a glance. For the souls of the people, according to fitness of the owners for service in the Spirit, or their unfitness and consequent classification for improvement, have place in order; and as improvement occurs in the spirit the soul passes to a place corresponding to it. And through the soul, which is the fountain spirit of the blood, bearing in it the gauge of life, Redemption from the spirit to

manhood and to womanhood throughout time, to which no end can ever be, is given by the Creator.

The spirit is the active life, comprising the person in perfect form and compass, drawn conformably with the Fixed Law of the Creator from the body when the vitalizing element which is supported by the blood becomes separated from the blood; and that should only occur when He requires services in the Spirit and in a way that no man has been instructed in; but it has occurred in many worlds by violence in ways that are known, and in this world many ways have been found by the devices of the corrupt spirits to cause it. And of substance so fine, softly quick, and clear that in substance there is nothing so invisible as it. That substance, quicker without given comparison, is as motive with the mind within it as the hand of the same person was to move with the will when he or she eat and drank at table. And the mind within it contains an active knowledge of every acquirement of previous life, and possesses the reasoning power of perfect birth cultured and matured. And of Righteous bearing, the spirit, when found in fitness for it, is of very eminent importance in the Service of the Creator. And is gifted by Him with strength in power, which is supported and governed by Fixed Power and Law that people walking on their feet are not instructed of; and will do well during the inquiry which is for their guidance in the expulsion of the corrupt spirits from themselves for removal from the world, to let inquiry upon it alone and be as circumspect and as firm in support of the Ordained Spirit as if the Creator in Person were present at their side. For the only subject in front of people in the inquiry is the out-of-order condition the world is in, the cause of it, and their qualifying themselves with personal knowledge to aid in the final removal of it from the world. That unworthy condition having been effected by the workings of corrupt spirits after the world had been in fixed place for over twelve hundred years, and the people ignorant then of the cause, and in after-time of the fact, when they that were born after the Law of the Creator had been got from view began to fall victims of disordered bodies, in-

stead of passing away in an unconscious state, through corrupt spirits surrounding the atmosphere having undergone a change, they issued from their bodies partly conscious. And as they arrived at a sort of sense of their being, they were met with greetings unworthy of place in any writing, and afterwards drawn into mock trials and caused in fear to accept provisional mock judgments, details of which would be equally unworthy. And in the confusion about them the Ordained Spirit few in comparison were described to them in the silent language of the Spirit as idle prompters that could not be got rid of, but that by guarding against would not do any harm.

And as time wore on and numbers increased, the corrupt spirits assumed various forms of character, some causing themselves to be believed gods walking on their feet in other places, and others judges and messengers of gods, and so on, until Christianity, after the Hebrew break upon it, reduced the number of believed-in gods to one God, the principal name the Creator is known of in this world. For after a flight of the people during the first bloodshed, when ravings of spirit-causing were going on, gods to watch over them were raved about until it became a belief everywhere that people had settled; and as they passed out of their bodies that belief remained in their minds, and became altered and supplemented often since. And as nearness to discovery was from time to time reached by inquiring minds, fresh instructions by feigned arrivals from God were circulated among the deluded spirits everywhere that the influence of the inquiring persons reached, resulting in changes to people's minds that diverted their inclinings and influence in various ways upon the subject, and led the inquirers themselves in side directions from their purpose; leaving the vaster number of this world's people in the spirit still in darkness, and many of them in doubt of there being at all a Supreme Being. But with a sense of the position they are in,—employing themselves with the Power of the Creator conjointly with and obedient to the Holy or Supreme Spirit of the Creator in the world in aid of the people, a change towards Divine Order will soon be so visible

that none will fail to understand it. And when the corrupt spirits, the fallen of other worlds, are separated from deceived support, the atmosphere will become clear of the gatherings that are in it, and they will be lifted away. And when order is restored, this world's people that are now of the spirit in it will be taken to Paradise, the Home of the Spirit, and when fitness is found in them they will be redeemed. For, numerous as they are, and they are numerous without approach to of any world's birth, homes will be had for them: for worlds without people in them are more numerous than the stars that are seen from this world. And inhabited worlds that are long obscured from view from this world by illusory strata of chemical occurrences in the atmosphere around it will be plainly seen when the atmosphere becomes clear. For the Creator of them has them so ordered that the perfection of His work can be seen from one to another.

And when times of Redemption are approaching, worlds that have been fixed upon by Him for use when it is called, move in order of time by Fixed Power upon them to parts where they undergo eruptions, and the water is cast off. For when no use is being made of worlds, they are covered with water for increase of substance, and after a fixed time they move again to the Sphere of Paradise and become Fixed around worlds brought there to complete their eras. And the people of them worlds are made aware of the time they are to be removed from them; for death of the body does not occur in worlds to bring their eras to a close, neither are all the people in them required for the spirit, and a life Record of every person from their own evidence is furnished to their hands by the fathers, and at a fixed time all are lifted away in bodily substance. But before that time arrives they lay up stores of clothing and such things as are required for the Service of the Creator at Redemption. For it is in these worlds, after the people are removed, that Redemption is given.

And when redemption is called, the souls of the people to be redeemed are united to them, and in unconsciousness then are lifted in obedience to the Call to the places of redemption, for

the moment the soul and the spirit are united the person becomes unconscious as in sleep and feels no more until called into life in manhood or in womanhood by the Creator, but the length of time from when the soul and the spirit are united until the redeemed person is called from sleep is not given, and when they awaken they are altogether unconscious of the time lived in the spirit, but are as sensible of former manhood and former womanhood as they ever were on rising from sleep; and are made sensibly aware in words not written with hands, created from the soul on the covering that is created with and on the body of righteousness, or of improvement in the spirit, and reward is visible in their own upright standing, with certainty of their new manhood and new womanhood having been well provided for, but reward in recognition of service rendered awaits some that causes them to review with pride their former manhood, and their former womanhood; for from it they know they were found worthy of trust in the spirit, without, in the grandeur of manhood and of womanhood, knowing anything whatever of what that trust had been. For the Creator in person, with millions of people in attendance, is in the world before they are called out of sleep, and, from the standard of their souls, worlds of Home are marked out for them. Some are consecrated continual followers of the Creator, and are called upon, male and female, in the order of worlds to accompany him at times of visits from one world to another, and are therefore of standing in worlds that other people in them do not attain to. Many who having conformed to a provision in the law of the Creator in the worlds of their birth are ordained to become fathers and mothers in worlds consecrated to their use for a period of time, but the bulk of redeemed people are provided for in Heaven, and in worlds of Paradise; husband and wife, bridegroom and bride, in accordance with the law of the Creator from redemption; and many people gain their redemption through the removal of the dark spots of their lives from their souls by repentance in the spirit without having at any time rendered service to the Creator in the spirit. For improvement of mind in the spirit passes into redeemed life, notwith-

standing that while blood flows in the veins there is no recollection of the time lived in the spirit.

When this world was taken into use by the Creator for the present period or era of it, He sent twelve millions of people, bridegroom and bride, then redeemed to enjoy His gifts within it. They were all persons of purity of life, affianced and only in the world of their birth; and only they who have served in the Spirit are Ordained to become the fathers and the mothers of a world's people, and generation is Ordained to occur in one term of corporeal substance only.

And before they were taken from the world they were redeemed in, they were assembled before the Creator, bridegroom and bride beside each other, and a Book of the Law, a gift to be retained, placed in the hands of bridegroom and of bride throughout by ordained hosts attendant on them.

And a bridegroom and a bride named Elias and Elizabeth, having been called before the throne, a Book of the Law was placed in their hands by the Creator. And at the conclusion of His Charge to the people, which was repeated to the hearing of all, Elias, yet standing before the throne, was given power representative of Him, in governance of the people in this world, during the period of it begun with their Redemption for it. And when a time had expired that had been given for them to take into personal possession requirements that had been laid at convenience for them, they were lifted from where they stood and were alighted in this world in the part of it ornamented by the rivers afterwards called Euphrates and Tigris.

More suns than one at that time gave light to the world, but from where it was then to where one sun only would, a term of time they were well aware it would be moved, and soon after their advent to it it began to move, but the length of time until it arrived where it now is is not given. It was at no time in darkness, and the atmosphere was pure and without coldness in it, and there was but little time allowed to pass before they began to turn to use for after accommodation and enjoyment the things that the earth afforded. The minerals, the wood, and the stone were prepared for use where

they were found; prepared in common and taken in common, when they were required and where they were required, by easy means of conveyance that is long lost view of in this world. And their homes were laid out and completed in an elegance and with accommodations that perfection of art rendered easy of accomplishment, as were also their Church edifices commanded in the Law for meeting together in Congregations of Church every seventh day for Thanksgiving and Prayer, an Order maintaining Service to the Creator in every inhabited world. And for over eleven hundred years nothing was out of order in the world. But an occurrence in another place, a result of spirit perverseness in Paradise, of which the people of this world in the order of their being were not aware, became in its result the cause of an out-of-order and sorrowful state of things in this world, that altered in many ways the order of life since within it.

At that time, a Fixed Time of Redemption being near, the Creator, having in view the bringing to Redemption of a vast number of people that were in seclusion in the spirit, most of them for waywardness in the spirit, had them called to Paradise for Counsel and advice; and when they learned that Redemption was yet a little way off, and that they would have to return to seclusion for the time, disorderliness began to work among them, and spreading with spirit speed most of them became on the impulse affected, and fearing that Power would be soon brought to bear upon them that would leave them again in seclusion, they fled from Paradise, and in the eleven hundred and nineteenth year of the advent of the fathers and the mothers to this world lit upon it.

The violation was alone, nothing of the kind having ever occurred before; and in the order of the world there was no provision that the Supreme Spirit of the Creator within it could use for having them lifted away, a feature in the order of life and its governance by the Creator that they were not slow to see into, and soon began to frame deception in faith of its longer existence. And being many times more numerous, the Ordained Spirit in the world caused a state of confusion among the lower life spirit, an important element

in the Service of the Creator, that, governed by the Holy Spirit, was guided and directed by the Ordained Spirit of the Creator in the world. And distributing themselves all over the inhabited part, they began to settle themselves around persons and around everything that trod and fed within it. And being no more visible to the eye nor feelable of touch than the atmosphere around them, no thoughts of wrong occurring were entertained by the people who had no knowledge of the spiritual or divine governance of the world.

The people had then increased to over one hundred and fifty millions, but that number was small compared with the number of corrupt spirits that had in blindly coursing about in space fallen upon the world and, in violation of the law of the Creator declaring themselves to the Ordained Spirit obedient to Him, began winding themselves around their bodies. And after a few had got around every person, the rest, pretending deep concern for everything that moved, began to confuse the communication between the lower life spirit and the Ordained Spirit that guided it, and after a while drew its attention almost wholly to themselves, using the name of the Creator in all their instructions to it. And corrosive matter, natural evolungs from earth and water, having been noticed by them passing away in vapor, was felt and examined until they succeeded in drawing particles of it together, for the feel and perception of the spirit are very acute; and, conveying particles to vegetation, they found it to affect some substances; and in experiments they also found it to draw and leven other matter out of rising vapor. And drawn about persons and other moving substances, they found a holding for it. Then, with the non-intelligent spirit, they drew it in webs from dwelling to dwelling, swelling it, as far as they could affect, about the people, and in that way of struggling to effect foul purposes they effected a net-work of chemically combined vapor all over the inhabited part. And as the air became thickened with it, change became very noticeable in the atmosphere that was of anxious concern to the fathers.

The providings of the Creator, ordered and regulated to

the power of the Creator by the Holy Spirit, had then almost ceased to be found; and the fathers feeling utterly unable to account for the changes that were occurring, they that were born in the world became alarmed, and fretfulnesses that were partly hid in the gloom the changes were causing began to make inroads upon them, which the fathers saw into no means of assuaging; and with them there was a falling off from accustomed social habits and from church service. And when the misunderstood source of frettings began to be spoken of, the fathers nor any that were not personally perturbed by them would only see wild fancy in them, and felt that when the irregularity, which was attributed to some undiscovered planetary cause, had passed away, everything would be right again. The disorder was, therefore, allowed, through ignorance of it, to continue and increase. And from the net-work of viscous vapor that had been effected, chorded or strung with the lower life spirits, taught and placed by the corrupt spirits, connectings were effected with the corrupt spirits that had found way into the people, and were protruding through the pores of their bodies; and by means of those chordings and connectings the fretfulness was caused; for the sound of persons' voices was conducted through them and operated upon until the voice of one person was brought to be heard by another at various distances apart, and broken to the ear in expression altogether different from anything uttered by the person from whom it was drawn, as if that person had been in concealment somewhere near. At first it was confined to mockings, and after a while warnings began to be heard, then plannings, as if careless of being heard or not expressive of vileness unthought of by the people of the world, come to be heard in the rooms of their houses and about the doors at night.

Search after search failing to discover any person where the voices were felt to have issued from, people became frantic with rage and with fear, and accusations of unworthiness against members of their own houses, and against neighbors, begun to be harbored in people's minds, for no one could be got to admit what their voices were heard and believed to have uttered, nor to have been in concealment or otherwise in

places they had not been in. It therefore, from tantalizing mockings, such as children sometimes indulge in, and believed to have no existence by those who had felt nothing of them, became a source of estrangement of mind to persons whose ears had been got to catch the sound, and spread almost measuredly. Still the structure of people's minds, which is distinct one from the other, was a protection for a while; for the independent working of the mind controlled the form of the expressions that were heard by the ear to the extent that no two persons in the same place could be got to hear the same form of false expression, nor to hear them at all identically at the same moment; people, therefore, that had given ear to them, even in the same house, did not believe, one the other, to any agreeable extent in consultations about the matter, for the expressions that were heard to the sound of other person's voices were formed by the corrupt spirits within the structure of the person's own body side by side with and pressing on the outflow of the mind. The strain, therefore, that was brought to bear upon the mind so deranged the natural current that imperceptible outflow was brought into contact with connectings to the person from the outside, and into contact with insulated sound that, stored in galls of viscous vapor, was broken to the ear at any fixed-on place within ear distance. The result was people's minds became turned or soured against each other, and as it spread suspicion got so infixed within them that dinner parties and other associate customs became rare, and suicide and murder began to occur.

It was then one hundred and thirty-five years from the fall of the corrupt spirits to the world, and, no thoughts of the cause having been got perceptibly to people's minds, the immediate prospect as viewed by the Ordained Spirit was not pleasing; for the power of the people's minds was working imperceptibly to themselves against them. Twice within that time the Holy Spirit's Power was increased to draw people's attention to it, but the corrupt spirits had got such hold within them and were so strung around them that every turning of the mind towards the fact was worked with by the corrupt spirits and led past the object. The people them-

selves were in a wretchedness of mind that only gave room to further inroads upon them, and the fathers found no means of altering it. They were active, and so were the mothers, in endeavors to draw the wrong-guided back to reason and to renew to all they were able to approach their personal knowledge of the Power of the Creator, giving their positive belief that the disorder, whatever the cause, would soon be seen into by the Creator and all things be restored. But the disorder had got headway against them and they were only listened to in smouldering anger or with suspicion; for the sound of persons' voices other than those of personal acquaintance was drawn to the ear and pronouncings in them effected affecting to be deliveries from the Creator, and in them people were warned against the fathers and the mothers as being unreasonably opposed to changes he had fixed his mind upon making, and that if they continued their opposition nothing short of cutting them off would have to be resorted to, and, for that, he would visit the people with punishments of which they were not yet aware until his purposes would be effected; and that putting opposition to the influence he had brought to bear on the world out of the way would render him a service and hasten the objects he had in view, and that the knowledge the fathers and the mothers possessed could aid him in all he had purposed for the world, but that their opposition was a source of delaying trouble and must be removed before the new order of things was begun to be established; and results more unnatural, considering the knowledge they had of the Creator's Power and Law, than any that have since occurred in the world stealthily followed.

The houses had been laid out in an order that precluded open view of them, and stood at such distances apart as well-considered room for accommodation required; sward land between them was common to all, but gardens and lawns were fenced ornamentally in with the houses, and visiting having become disagreeable and dangerous, but little was being made known to the fathers except what they learned in making calls, for few made then any calls upon them. In duty therefore to the Creator and to the people that had come

into being from them, they visited and talked with them. But where reason had been allowed to yield to unworthy concealed influencing, means were found of depriving the world of them. And once murder was begun, it spread so rapidly and with such stealth, for there was but little intelligencing of it, that some millions had fallen by it before people, not altogether blind to reason, began to think of protecting themselves against it. But thoughts of protection were no sooner formed than other thoughts began to work upon the mind, and flight was suggested as the only means of safety; and with means of air travel at every dwelling, it was soon resorted to. But there was an urging that had more effect in causing flight to be looked upon as means of safety than silent trouble of the mind would effect in view of what was occurring.

The condensing by insulation in viscous vapor of people's voices, and after modulation of the sound with imperceptible formings upon the minds of others, had become so widespread suddenly that, without time to consider, more than two-thirds of the people were listening with eagerness to them; and each and every was told, in language the deceit of which was not suspected, that the Creator, cognizant even of their thoughts, was giving personal attention to them, and would watch over them in flight and in where they alighted, and so on; and as they decided to leave they ascended from their own premises, most of them leaving timed appliances to effect in their absence what they shrank from seeing occur in their presence. And by such devices and means in the inside of one year over five-sixths of the people had been cut off or had fled from the region, and nearly all had removed from their homes. The fathers and the mothers, with the exception of nine persons, including Elias and his wife, and over twenty millions of others, had been reduced to silence, and the world deprived of them. Houses and sacred edifices lay everywhere in ruins. The house that Elias offered up his services to the Creator in, in union with his people, was without injury, a number of the people yet clinging to reason having drawn together around him for protection; and the sight meeting

the eyes of imaginary avengers of the Creator (for Elias was cried out against to deceived hearing all over the region), turned them aside crazed as they were in other directions; and desolation visible in ruins being everywhere around them, those people remained where they had assembled, providing for themselves at first by arrangement in parties from surrounding sources. But harmony did not continue long among them, and the place after awhile from among themselves got the name of Babel, which in after time was changed to Babylon.

Like assembling of people around them deterring frenzied persons caused seven other edifices to escape destruction, and the ground where tents and temporary dwellings stood being made found foundation of, they also remained in the places which in after time became known as Persepolis, Nineveh, Thebes, Ammon, Gerasa, Balbec, and Palmyra; and other uniting of more or less numbers which did not begin until there was little in view but their own safety to look to, occurring at intervals all through the Region, with flight for the want of means fading altogether from view, violence in a covert form, the only way it had occurred, became less dreaded and ceased altogether for a while. It was then believed by Elias and the surviving fathers that the Creator had seen into the disorder and that the cause of it was being removed by Him. But the irregularity that had become visible in the atmosphere did not fade out of it, and before long they learned that the people about them were far from being in a right condition of mind, and that but little information could then be gathered from them. For in their workings within the flesh of the people the corrupt spirits had discovered that in the moments of returning to consciousness from sleep views of things and of people with imaginary conversings and talkings could be shadowed upon people's minds to cause irregularity of wakening, that when they fully awoke were remembered and seemed to have occupied much of the time the sleep lasted. And finding themselves short of their object to effect the destruction of all the fathers, and fearing the inquiries that were being made, they changed their forms of delusion.

For, having gained the attention in one way or another of most people out from the fathers, they had a backward inclining of the mind to aid them in working to the view such forms of deception as they calculated would hold the attention and intimidate to the furtherance of their object; continually holding to the mind that everything that was done was of the Creator. And views and warnings effected on the mind in the beams of returning consciousness, which are since known in the world as visions or dreams, gained to them the object in the Region of causing people, by comorting themselves towards the fathers and towards each other with silent or with evasive suspicion, to lead inquiry altogether aside from the object.

With the people that fled from the region there was but little change in the forms of delusion that caused their flight. Many of them believed they were pursued, and ceased an onward course only when exhaustion forced them to alight. Some reached the continent which is now America, and alighted in several parts of it; some got to Australia, and alighted widely apart. Many took refuge in Africa, but the greater part of them found resting places in Asia and Europe. The Islands of Britain and Ireland were made resting-places of, and several other islands throughout the world, and but few ever returned from the parts they alighted in.

As people had become influenced by delusion they allowed what they were told in false language was an influence of the Creator to work within the organism of their being, and more especially upon the fine organism of perception and speaking. And through that device they accustomed themselves, when alone by themselves, to feel for that influencing of the organism, and to pronounce with their mouths in yielding to the influencing what they believed were instructions from the Creator, or by persons conveying His Will. After a while, through the flexions and pronouncings of their own mouths, they were told that the influence was being given to the world, but that by giving attention to it persons so intent could pronounce to themselves what others were saying, and to avoid that it would be necessary to learn language they would be instructed in,

that other people could not understand. Twistings and turnings of articulation were accordingly begun, and resulted in the many forms of expression from the Language that are used as languages in the world to-day.

While the people that had taken flight were in exhausted or in unsettled conditions a discovery was made in Africa by the corrupt spirits that in its results in the inside of seven months changed the appearance of more than two-thirds of the people then walking on their feet in the world. Those of the corrupt spirits that had gone with them and were not within their bodies hung around them continually, no matter how few or how many were together, for except in the lesser instances they by no means went singly away ; and, as evaporation occurs everywhere in the world, a result of continual inflow of life yielding matter, they, having learned in the region to separate some of its parts, continued it everywhere they went, drawing the solvent and leavening parts discovered in the Region about the persons. And in what is now known as Soudan, near where Zaria is a separation, occurred that did not readily unite with other particles but floated almost separately about, a few feet from the ground. It was examined and drawn to a person and into the system of the person, and within a few days the color of the skin began to change.

Intelligence of the discovery was wafted immediately around and with spirit speed conveyed to other parts and workings upon it begun, and the people, wearied in body and sluggish then in mind, the most part without canopy or covering from the open air, were found easy unconscious victims of the discovery. It was drawn about them, and in hours of wakefulness lying upon ground, when the Ordained Spirit was hindered in action by the working power of the persons' own minds, was drawn into the system. For in sleep with the mind at rest, against the Ordained Spirit's protecting power it could not be effected.

The Holy Spirit, seeing into what was occurring, sent all of the Ordained Spirit He had available to people to protect them from it ; but had far short of what He required for that purpose until they arrived, which was not until most of what

had been sleeping in the open air had been variously disfigured ; and frenzy had been so much fallen into then that no views of the cause of their condition could with the aid that was granted be got to their minds ; but it had the effect of keeping them from destroying themselves, and after a while they calmed down to a sort of dotage.

The stain that was discovered in Africa differed in effect from any that was drawn into people elsewhere, but that was entirely owing to the venomous wafters of intelligence of it not carrying full description with them ; for, though it was first found together with hardly a tendency to touch other floating matter, it contained more parts than one, and like workings to cause it to get together were not effected elsewhere. And in Africa and every other place people that erected covering to sleep under escaped it. But attempts to work it inside of tents and of cabins were being made, when the additional aid to the Holy Spirit arrived, and with it His power to effect disclosure to the people was augmented.

Lassitude had already taken effect, and lethargy immediately followed, and opened the way for further inroads upon the constitution. Illness and death of the body began to result, and was circulated in false language to the ears of some and from the mouths of others as a judgment just passed upon the world, and that people in order to be redeemed to higher life should resign themselves to it. It began in the region close to Elias, and the people, encouraged to energy by him, did not feel reconciled to it, and the wants of their being requiring energy of them, illness that had set in was of short duration, and but few deaths occurred from it. But false talking and dreaming had begun, and Elias was soon looked upon with suspicion and fear. Discord began among the people around him, and in the fifth year from the opening of the delusion that caused people in blindness of reason to aid with their hands the fulsome designs of a confederated lot of ill-conditioned spirits that in wandering in the Heavens chanced to fall in with this world, the twelve hundred and fifty-ninth year of the advent of the fathers and the mothers to the world, covert violence again crept on them in the region, and Elias

and his wife and the other surviving fathers were cut off before it began to wear out. It lasted only a few months, for a Power of the Creator that was for some time expected by the Holy Spirit began to take effect on the world, and over one-fourth of the confederated fugitive spirits were lifted away. But what of them were within people, and within other moving corporeal substances, and under cover of viscous gatherings floating from them in the atmosphere, were not affected to the extent of removal. And what escaped being lifted away became sensible that power for their removal had reached the world, but were ignorant for a while of how so many had escaped, and darting from place to place for information, numbers more got lifted away. For the gatherings in the atmosphere were only in blotches, and communication between each other from one blotch to another was not being effected.

But they had learned to cause corruption and death of the body by the people themselves falling into false belief that it was the Will and the work of the Author and Sustainer of life, and relaxing in supposed obedience the power of their own flesh to any workings that were felt within it. And being still in a comparative sense very numerous, they reasoned on the possibility as time wore on of holding in delusion an unborn many to further their designs of being a source of embarrassment to the Creator. But finding their numbers fading, after cautious examination of the atmosphèric gatherings, in which many were drawn out as they neared the edges and lifted away, nearly all that were outside of people took to the risings from the surface and continued to widen the blotches; their courses of reasoning and of action differing but little anywhere in the world. For after their scattering with the people, before distinct Power for their removal came into effect upon the world, they effected an understanding throughout, and through that understanding the people of the world have gone on increasing and falling, blind almost to reason since. They reasoned also, when they found that the accumulations in the atmosphere had become a sort of covering to them, that unless additional Power was sent to bear upon the

world or that they were discovered to the people, a thing they had ceased to especially dread, and reasoned that it need be no cause of fretfulness to them while population would be thin and the people estranged from confidence in each other, they could possibly continue in the world until the peopling period would have closed and it was in another sphere. And that before then, keeping the people as they became separated from their bodies more in delusion than when walking on their feet, they would cause a state of things that would within a time that after workings would make clearer to them leave no person in the world to fear; still keeping them in delusion in spirit in it blind to everything but invented theories, deductions, and doctrines that would be believed to be of the Creator. And that when the atmosphere would become clear, for they admitted to themselves in their reasoning that such would occur when the world would arrive in another sphere, all would be lifted to Paradise; this world's people for teaching and advice, and they to be made example in a rejudgment and lifting away in their presence. And that, having got away from Paradise once, the atmosphere being free for departures and arrivals in the Spirit as well as for the Creator's Translations of people whole in substance from and to it, they would, in a sudden confusing rush through this world's people, spread alarm among them and possibly cause many or most of them to leave Paradise on supposed command along with them. And that by skilful tergiversations and management, still feigning to be in the Service of the Creator, they would cause a continuance of the delusion; and that as they lit upon this world without knowing where they were going, so they would at some future time light upon another.

But in the Region where the people were more in company and were not altogether without means of building up afresh, and had on the whole but little inclination to scatter, the corrupt spirits, numerous as they were, were in constant but reckless fear. For the Ordained Spirit, more in proportion there than in other places, were making efforts Commanded with the third additional Power to draw attention to them, but the people,

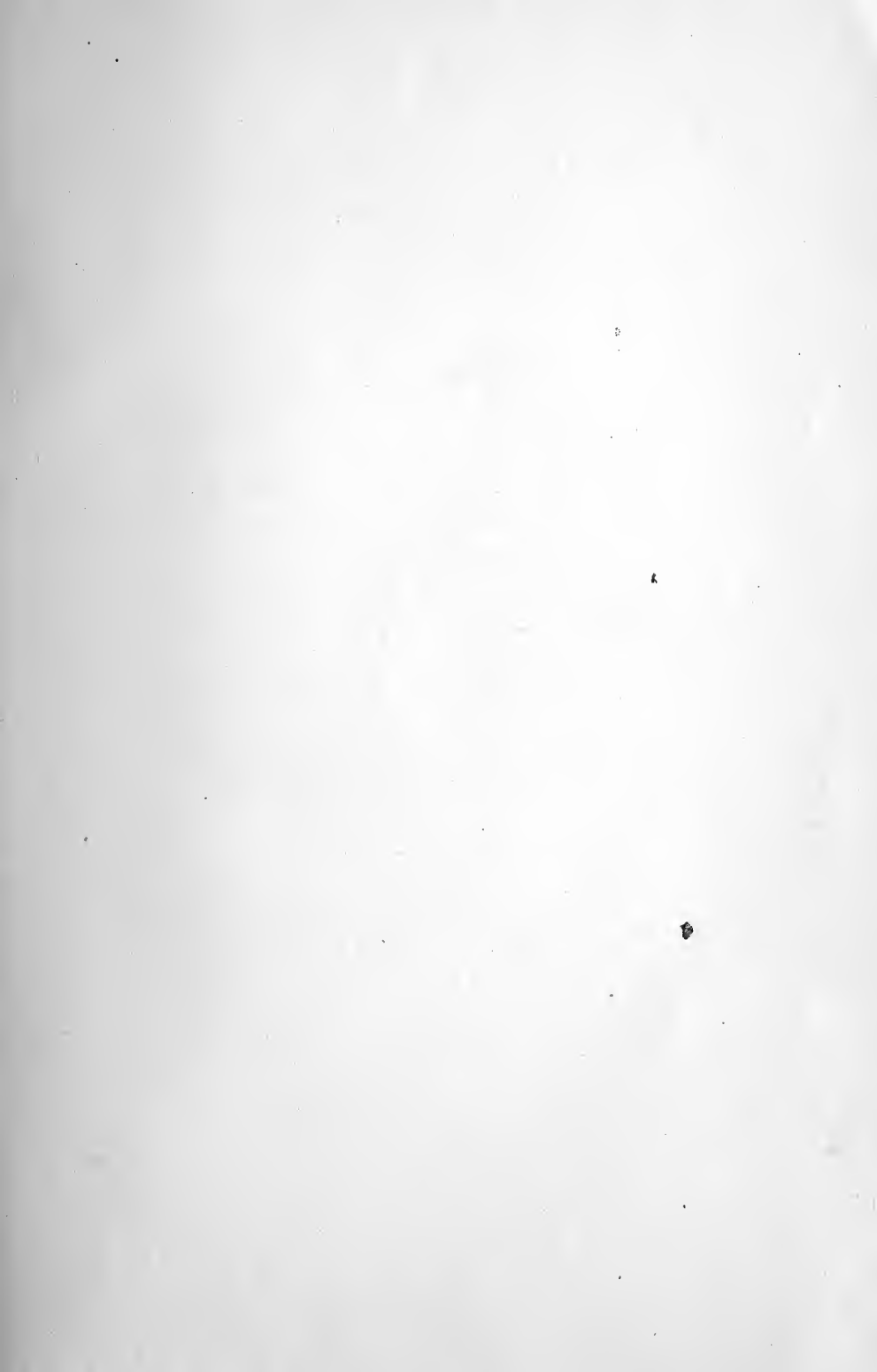
attentively sensible of their wants, had in other respects not returned to reason. And as they that were born after disorder had begun grew up, they were kept as much in darkness of the past as could be effected, and but few got any education. The Language in its purity warned against in dreams was hardly spoken by any; characters were invented to substitute the letters by which it was first placed before people's eyes, and but few of the many were afterwards laid hold of for use. Carvings of them by some were made upon wood and on stone with hardly an object beyond the pastime it afforded, which people that came into being after them, failing to understand, made but little effort to preserve. But at Thebes and a few other places, previous resorts of pleasure where a few had been staying and were joined by others after disorder began in the Region, attempts were made (for they too had undergone estrangement from reason) to evade the warnings by writing for the Language figures of what the words expressed; but they got mixed up with myth and fancy; dialects were becoming formed, and when the writers became separated from their bodies the figures they had made, strange, some of them, in invention and strange in execution, were only understood in a way that gave room for still wilder fancy.

But in the region and in most places of resort sufficient machinery and implements remained undestroyed to continue building; and at times of reflection, before they that had known almost from childhood how to use them became separated from their bodies, foundations were laid and buildings erected that educated those that were being brought up otherwise in darkness in the art; but the architecture was changed, and Heaven-taught elegance and conveniences were absent from it. But the most of what had gone from the region were without means either of building or of making suitable apparel to wear, and, submitting the judgment of their minds for approval to what they believed—most of them reluctantly—to have been influences of the Creator working within and around them, preparing them for another order of things, they made but little effort to accomplish anything outside of providing for the internal wants of their being, and

able intelligence in the world has since blindly witnessed the result. And increase of birth, which began to occur some time before other irregularities got to be noticed, and was a principal secondary cause of much of the estrangement from reason that followed, was explained in after workings of the supposed influence they were submitting themselves to as a gift to them of the Creator. And the more people increased the faster hopes were sifted by the corrupt spirits, and the impossible tried to be made harmonize,—namely, of at some time causing a barrier to the power of the Creator that would cause Him to alter the order of His works. And with that hope foremost in their minds, they continued in the world foiling all attempts at active discovery to the present time. The writer of the Book of Genesis was led past his first views of spirit influenced by them, and so was every writer that undertook to write under spirit influence or guidance since; and until they are removed the people of the world will not clearly understand what the blessings of life are.

Cold, storms, and disease of the earth's produce, and vermin of every kind are occurrences from the irregularities that are in the atmosphere, and all of them will cease as soon as the workings that cause them are broken off. And when order becomes re-established the people of the past of this world's present era will be lifted from it to Paradise and placed in preparation for redemption. For, until they are redeemed, after they are taken from this world, they will not be required for service in the spirit, and would not, whatever the length of time, be moved from this world until a knowledge of the disorder they have been in was made or became plain to them. But that knowledge would not in the *order of* the world be much longer in darkness from them; for in June of last year it was five thousand nine hundred and seventy-three years since the advent of the fathers and the mothers to the world; and in twenty-seven years from then the peopling part of the era will have closed, and the world, like the moving of an instrument set to time, will begin to move to the light of another sun in an outer circle of Paradise, in which there is no fixed time for nearer moval of it for the

removal of the people from it. And there the atmosphere would be cleared without the aid of the people of the past or of the present of the world and the corrupt spirits lifted away, and every form of life in spirit in delusion in it shown the disorder they had been in without being at all as favorably considered as will occur by the world being in order before it reaches there.



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